

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No.: Q76307

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No. 09/693,968 filed Oct. 23, 2000)

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For: CUTTING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING BELTLIKE MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/693,968 filed October 23, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.